

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to bring this application to issue without delay.

Applicants have amended the claims in response to the objections to the claims and rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Applicants are submitting a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 to establish that the molar ratios among lactic acid, caproic acid and ammonia as set forth in claims 32 and 36 result not only in a synergistically effective insect-attracting composition according to the additivity test when the attractiveness of each of the three individual components is added together, but furthermore that the level of synergistic attractiveness for insects is surprisingly and significantly higher than the level of insect attractiveness found when the corresponding compositions in the corresponding molar ratios are tested where the caproic acid is replaced by valeric acid. The BOSCH et al reference cited and applied by the Examiner discloses compositions that contain lactic acid, valeric acid and ammonia as insect-attracting compositions. However, there is no indication or suggestion in BOSCH et al that substituting caproic acid for valeric acid would result in a high level of improvement in insect-attractiveness. Nor does combining BOSCH et al with the HEATH et al reference cited by the Examiner provide any further basis for suggesting the surprisingly high

level of synergistic insect attractiveness among lactic acid, caproic acid and ammonia at the stated molar ratios.

Applicants believe that all claims now presented are allowable over the cited prior art and a response to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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